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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): MIURA, et al.

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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE HAVING TRENCH ELEMENT SEPARATION
STRUCTURE

Group: 2814

Examiner: A. Mai

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 28, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2001, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11 and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer, and
amend the claims remaining in the application as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method of fabricating a semiconductor device
comprising the steps of:

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02 FC:102

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